FutureLife-Now! Task Team Meeting
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PROMOTING GREATER CAPACITY, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND HOPE FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

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Update on in-country capacity

Health Coordinator:

- Work closely with country coordinator; contribute to strong linkages between Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health
- Coordinate effective implementation of FutureLife-Now! health-related activities (incl. COVID-19) in Member States
- Establish/maintain/strengthen partnerships with Ministry of Health, FutureLife-Now! schools, health facilities, health NGOs
- Oversee and promote strong linkages between schools and health facilities and other key health stakeholders at community level; oversee testing of virtual linkages between schools and clinics
• Conduct capacity building on provision of Youth Friendly Health Services
• Support M&E team with data collection and other M&E activities
• Identify, support, and liaise with radio panel experts and support implementation
• Collect contact numbers of beneficiaries and support implementation of the bi-directional SMS messaging programme
• Support Youth Facilitators in their work
Update on additional platforms

- Radio programmes – COVID-19 programmes resume over March and April (additional 9 episodes); Climate Change programmes continue until Feb
  - TV programmes – Climate Change programmes air in March
  - Mobile messaging – continues until April
  - Possibility of continuing the radio and mobile messaging beyond April
  - Online community platform – to be launched at the sharing meeting; a sharing, advocacy, communication and resource platform
  - Using e-platforms in schools for capacity building and support during periods of school closure
Testing a model of school-based e-Health services

Problem to be addressed:
• Challenges such as health professional shortages and transportation, especially in hard-to-reach, under-served areas, hinders delivery of health services

Potential solution:
• E-health is a growing model of delivering health care - offers an opportunity to improve health care access and equity
• School-based e-health can provide access to a wide spectrum of care — including mental health — to improve both health and learning outcomes.

Benefits:
• Number of learners, teachers and families receiving health services and support is increased
• Health services are more equitably distributed
• Urgent cases are able to receive immediate support
• Schools are better prepared to respond to crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic
• Schools equipped with technological infrastructure can respond to health and curriculum challenges during periods of disruption
• Relationship between schools and health facilities is strengthened
• Relations between schools and communities is strengthened